

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Institutional Review Board Meeting
Minutes
December 22, 2020

ON PHONE

Janet Ahern
Dr. Margaret Scotellaro
Robin LaSota
Tami Fuller
Kim Mann
Robin Albritton
Brooke Taylor

EXCUSED

Janet Chandler
Rocell Cyrus
Arricka Newingham

CALL TO ORDER

Janet Ahern called the meeting to order at 2:43 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dr. Margaret Scotellaro made a motion to approve the minutes November 24, 2020.

Robin Albritton seconded the motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

FOLLOW UP

Cynthia Castiglioni. *Trends in Psychiatric Admissions to the Acute Care Units of a Pediatric Hospital*

Information was received from the researcher in response to the board's questions.

MOTION: Board has determined that given the potential that youth in care will not be identified or disaggregated, the IRB approval by DCFS is not required; however if at some time later they would want to change their proposal and identify CDCS youth or the difference between DCFS youth in care and youth in general, they should resubmit.

Sharva Hampton-Campbell. *Through their Recall of Lived Experiences: An Exploration of the Impact of Campus-based Support Services on the Retention of Former Foster Youth During their First Year of Post-Secondary Education.*

Researcher responded to the questions posed by the board. No other questions or concerns were raised.

MOTION: Kim Mann motioned to approve this proposal.

Rocell Cyrus seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

NEW PROPOSALS

Mary Lou Schmidt. *Renal Tumors Classification, Biology and Banking Study, COG-AREN03B2.*

Looking specifically at tumors in the kidney. Study falls under other projects in the children's oncology group. Have a tissue banking protocol. Banking tissues that determines eligibility and to determine how treatments can be fine tuned over time.

Kidney and tumor will be removed tomorrow. Medical information will be sent over to the research study and some tissue. Will help to determine what protocols he will qualify for. Develop treatments for future patients and may come back to it in the future if he has a recurrence after his first course of treatment.

Potential benefit to the child and the development of treatment for children in the future. Risks – additional bloodwork and port placement and information about the child's medical condition. They ask for family members in the future if they would provide more information in the future. When the child is of assent age, they may ask more questions in the future.

MOTION: Dr. Margaret Scotellaro motioned to approve this proposal.

Robin Albritton seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Bridget Colacchio Wesley. *“Defining Well-Being” – How Older Adolescents in Care Describe their Experience of Well-Being: Toward a Youth-Driven Definition.*

Wants to take some of the youth that are over 18 and give them some creative expression to describe what well-being means to them (writing, drawing, pictures) and she wants to publish it.

Fascinating research.

MOTION: Robin LaSota motioned to approve the proposal.

Robin Albritton seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Sadhana Dharmapuri. *Suboxone Treatment in an Incarcerated Adolescent – A Case Study.*

This research study is on one youth who is part of the gypsy culture, DCFS is unsure if he is a youth as we cannot locate a birth certificate or verify his age (which is reported as fourteen years of age). Youth had OD'd in August and has now been missing since September. At this time, DCFS is unsure of where he is. Because he is over the age of 12, they would need to get his consent, but that is if he is able to be located.

He has already been treated with suboxone. They want to do this study because it's unusual to have a 14-year-old heroin addict and treatment in adolescents hasn't been studied.

This is just a case report. The doctor will be writing up what happened with the youth and discuss what happened with their treatment. Not much published in the literature. This would be a blind case study.

MOTION: Dr. Margaret Scotellaro motioned to conditionally approve this proposal, pending the consent from the youth to participate in the study as well.

Tami Fuller seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Madan Kumar. *Predictive Markers for Clostridium Difficile Infection in Pediatric Oncologic Patients.*

Project at University of Chicago through Pediatric Infections Department. Looking at infection of the bowels. Looking to collect the stool of youth that are hospitalized and to collect it for the types that are more toxic and dangerous and compare it to the standard treatment and when the people caring for the kids and what treatments that they are using.

Risk to the youth is nothing. May have some clinical significance for the youth, but more likely not, just for research purposes to look at the best treatment options for this issue. No current youth enrolled in the study but may have future youth. Youth can choose to decline if they want.

MOTION: Kim Mann motioned to approve the proposal.

Dr. Margaret Scotellaro seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

OTHER:

Theodore Cross Article. No comments

Uranbileg Enkhtuvshin Manuscript. No comments

IRB Federal Wide Assurance Account. Office of Human Rights Protection. Registering our IRB with the federal agency authority of the Health and Human Services Administration. Dr. Mann consulted with Dr. Mark Testa regarding this and he felt that the way that we operate allows us the flexibility to deny a research study for a host of reasons that might be tied to organizational reasons. Unlike universities and non-profits, DCFS is not required one to operate. It operates under Illinois law. DCFS can reject a proposal due to staffing issues related to pulling data for researchers.

We will not be pursuing this for the DCFS IRB as there is no real benefit or advantage to the agency.

Next meeting re-scheduled for January 26, 2021 at 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.